IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re application of:

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: CHRONOTHERAPEUTIC FORMULATIONS OF DILTIAZEM

AND THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE 2011 South Clark Place Crystal Plaza 2, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202 U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a response to the Office Action of October 11, 2000, now set to expire January 11, 2001, be extended for three months, to and including April 11, 2001.

Enclosed herewith please find a check in the amount of \$890.00 US in payment of the three-month extension of time fee for a large entity. If there is any deficiency or surplusage of the fees enclosed, please obtain any such deficiency from or credit the surplusage to Deposit Account No. 08-3255 and advise Applicant's Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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